



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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Data for October 2006
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



Region 9

The October 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during October. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

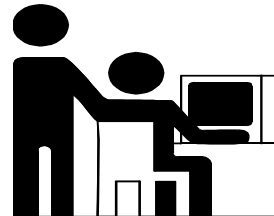
Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 October 2006

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
	Openings	Wage
Production Laborers	27	9.42
Production Inspectors, Testers & Graders	18	11.20
Home Health Aides	8	8.88
Production Helpers	7	9.69
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	6	9.71
Personal Attendants	6	9.00
Personal Attendants, Private Household	6	9.00
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6	25.08
Accountants	4	25.76
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	4	10.50
Mechanical Engineers	4	34.50
Truck Drivers, Heavy	4	24.74
Computer Engineers	3	34.84
Financial Managers, Branch or Department	3	32.32
General Office Clerks	3	10.92
Heating & Air Conditioning Mech. (HVAC)	3	16.23
Machine Tool Cutting Operators	3	16.67
Machinery Maintenance Servicers	3	18.90
Maintenance Mechanics: Water/Power Plants	3	18.23
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	3	18.23
Powerhouse & Relay Electricians	3	18.23
Receptionists/Information Clerks	3	11.58
Salespersons: Retail	3	9.33
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	3	10.67
Waiters & Waitresses	3	6.77

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

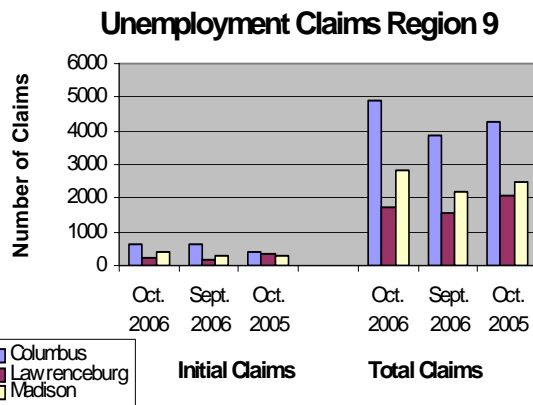


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	Oct. 2006	Sept. 2006	Oct. 2005
Initial Claims			
Columbus	644	656	420
Lawrenceburg	241	190	327
Madison	386	266	307
Total Claims			
Columbus	4,920	3,883	4,277
Lawrenceburg	1,739	1,568	2,072
Madison	2,820	2,216	2,473

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	OCT. 2006	SEPT. 2006	OCT. 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	152,397,000	146,125,000	6,272,000	4.1	4.4	4.6
Indiana	3,282,000	3,131,500	150,500	4.6	4.7	4.9
Columbus, IN MSA	38,330	36,870	1,460	3.8	4.0	4.4
Bartholomew County	38,330	36,870	1,460	3.8	4.0	4.4
Dearborn County	26,960	25,740	1,220	4.5	4.6	4.9
Decatur County	12,970	12,470	500	3.9	4.1	4.4
Franklin County	12,280	11,650	630	5.1	5.1	5.3
Jackson County	22,810	21,870	940	4.1	4.2	4.6
Jefferson County	17,790	16,970	850	4.6	4.7	4.6
Jennings County	14,140	13,430	710	5.0	5.2	5.8
Ohio County	3,250	3,100	150	4.6	4.8	4.9
Ripley County	15,080	14,470	610	4.0	4.2	4.6
Switzerland County	5,965	5,760	205	3.4	3.5	4.3

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The October 2006 data are preliminary data and the October 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – OCT. 2006	COUNTY	OCT. 2006 RATE
76	Bartholomew	3.8
51	Dearborn	4.5
73	Decatur	3.9
26	Franklin	5.1
65	Jackson	4.1
46	Jefferson	4.6
33	Jennings	5.0
47	Ohio	4.6
69	Ripley	4.0
86	Switzerland	3.4

Franklin County ranked 1st with a rate of 8.0% and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.8 %.

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WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS					
				CHANGE FROM	
	OCT. 2006	SEPT. 2006	OCT. 2005	SEPT. 2006	OCT. 2005
(preliminary data)					
Total Nonfarm	44.1	43.9	43.8	200	300
Total Private	37.9	37.8	37.7	100	200
Goods Producing	17.0	17.0	16.8	0	200
Natural Resources / Construction	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Manufacturing	15.4	15.4	15.2	0	200
Durable Goods	13.2	13.3	13.2	-100	0
Service Providing	27.1	26.9	27.0	200	100
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-100
Retail Trade	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	100
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Information Services	.5	.5	.5	0	0
Financial Activities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	100
Professional & Business Services	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
Educational & Health Services	3.6	3.5	3.7	100	-100
Leisure & Hospitality Services	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	-100
Other Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Government	6.2	6.1	6.1	100	100
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.9	.8	.9	100	0
Local Government	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	100
Local Government Education	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	100

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